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Many of my African-violets seem to be turning to stone in the center. Is this a disease? What can I do for them? Mrs. C. S., Maine

It is not a disease, but it probably is a physiogenic disorder, or a nematode infestation. As African-violets age, the central stem elongates and hardens, and this hardening may be amplified by poor soil conditions. Root some leaf cuttings (in isolation) to see if they produce normal plantlets. Repot your old plants in fresh healthy soil, destroy old leaves and soil, and chlorine wash old pots. If the old plants loosen up, and if the young plants are normal you can drop the super-sanitation as nematodes are not the problem.

I put my beautiful white Christmas amaryllis in the shady garden with others for the summer. In early August it produced three large blossoms. Will it bloom again this winter? M. P., Wis.

Possibly it will; it all depends on how much food the bulb stored over summer. As the large showy amaryllis are much hybridized, their behavior often is erratic. The trick is to push them hard with ample fertilizer and water in summer so the bulb grows tremendously. Then they may bloom off and on for months during late winter and spring.

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